

SELOUS SERENA CAMP FACT SHEET



This boutique luxury tented camp is situated on the Zema River, a tributary of the Rufiji River in Tanzania's vast Selous Game Reserve. It offers guests a wildlife experience that is difficult to find anywhere else in Africa, and a level of comfort comparable with the best in Africa.

Location

The spectacular Selous Reserve, a World Heritage Site and the largest expanse of game reserve in Africa, covers a massive 55,000 square kilometres of rolling savannah. About four times the size of Serengeti and larger than Switzerland, it is home to the largest concentration of elephants in the world. Located in south-east Tanzania in a remote and little-visited part of the country, the Selous Game Reserve covers more than 5% of Tanzania's total area. One of the last untouched gems of the nation's parks, it offers the visitor a unique opportunity to see Africa the way the early explorers found it - pristine, alive with game, empty of tourists and utterly awe inspiring.

Accommodation

The camp offers just 12 exclusive tents spaced amongst the indigenous forest. To the rear of the tent is the en suite bathroom, which features a Victorian claw-foot bath, shower and WC. Each tent is tastefully furnished with luxury double or twin beds. Each tent also enjoys its own extensive private sun-deck, loungers and river views.

Room Amenities

- A well-stocked soft drinks mini bar
- An electronic safe
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Hairdryer, telephone, torch and free standing fan
- Gowns & slippers
- Bottled water
- 3 pin plug points
- Insect wipes
- Elemis bathroom products
- Torch and standing fan

Camp Closure Dates

The camp is closed between 1st April and 31st May during the rainy season.

Guest Services & Facilities

- Lounge and bar
- Small library
- Dining area
- Sundeck area for alternative dining/relaxation
- Swimming Pool
- Laundry, valet and shoeshine services
- 24-hour medical service
- Children's meals, beds, babysitting

Activities

- Morning and evening game drives
- All day game drives with a visit to the hot springs
- Guided nature walks
- Game viewing boat cruises
- Sundowner cruises
- Bush and sand bank picnics
- Bird watching excursions
- Beauty treatment and massage services
- We can also arrange for culturally-interactive trips to local villages and/or schools

Climate

Tanzania's climate is predominately tropical. Coastal areas are usually hot and humid, but on the beaches a sea breeze cools the air considerably. The average day temperature is 30°C. Tanzania has two rainy seasons - the long rains from late March to June and the short rains from November to January. The long rains fall in heavy downpours, often accompanied by violent storms, but the short rains tend to be much less severe. The hottest time of the year is from December to March, before the long rains begin. The coolest months are June, July and August, when the weather is often overcast.



Dining

In typical safari style, we offer a 'full English Breakfast' as well as European options while our lunch menus will typically include meat, poultry, fish and vegetarian options.

Our table d'hôte dinner menus feature a salad buffet, soup, entrée, pudding, cheese and biscuits and tea or coffee. Vegetarian options are always available. The majority of our meat and dairy products, as well as our fruits and vegetables are sourced from the communities that surround the reserve.

Our wine list offers a broad selection of old- and new-world wines, and local and imported beers and spirits. We also offer a wide range of soft drinks including an array of freshly-made local fruit juices. We serve only the finest Tanzanian coffee and tea; we also offer a wide range of fruit and herbal infusions.

Child Policy

We encourage visits by families, however, children under 7 years are not allowed at the camp. Children 7 to 17 years occupying their own room are charged 75% of the adult per person rate.

Access

- 45 minute flight to/from Dar-es-Salaam to Stiegler's airstrip
- 65 minute flight to/from Zanzibar
- The following airlines operate:
 - Coastal airlines
 - Safari Air Link
 - Zanair
 - Auric Air
- From Stiegler's Airstrip, a pleasant 45-minute game drive to the camp

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Highlights of a Stay

All day game drives that give you the opportunity to view the diverse ecosystems and wildlife that make up the Selous Game Reserve.

Visa

Most visitors to Tanzania require a visa to enter the country. Three-month single-entry tourist visas are available from all Tanzanian embassies.

Health Requirements

Malaria area – guests are advised to take precautions. Please consult your doctor or a Travel Clinic for advice.

Social & Environmental

We host a number of eco-programmes, all of which are designed to support and sustain the natural and human community of which we are a part. Such programmes vary according to need, but presently they are as follows:

- We offer subsidized medical care to the local community.
- We work with Selous Game Reserve in maintaining and up-grading the roads in the park to keep the erosive practice of 'off-road' driving to a minimum.
- We create jobs for the local community. We also offer training and work-exposure programmes for school leavers.
- We encourage interface between our guests and the local villages - hosting tours and promoting the sale of handicraft items.

In terms of its own ecological 'foot' print, the lodge abides by a code of responsible practice in relation to: energy conservation, waste recycling, sewage disposal, air emissions, non-CFC use, pesticide-use, noise reduction and visual pollution. Wherever possible, local produce is featured on the menus.